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## MILLIONS TO MUCH

The State Department is facing rather an embarrassing situation in regard to the indemnity paid by China to this country on account of claims arising from the Boxer uprising. It is an embarrassment of riches, however. It will be recalled that the United States joined with the other Powers in sending troops to Peking at the time of these troubles, and that it also joined with them in the claims which were made upon the Chinese government for indemnity. It will also be recalled that it proceeded upon quite a different basis from some of the other nations in making up the amount of indemnity demanded from a nation powerless to protect itself, with a government scattered and distracted and the allied soldiers of a half-dozen nations in its capital. It was rather forced, however, to unity of action with the other Powers, and was awarded \$24,000,000 as its share of the amount, which was to be paid in annual installments. The adjudicators have discovered that the claims of citizens of this country do not amount to \$2,000,000, which have been paid in full from sums already received. This being the case, the State department is not inclined to accept the other \$22,000,000, and intends to return it to China, holding that China should not be compelled to pay the expenses of the military expedition to their capital, even though the Chinese government might have been in a sense responsible for the Boxer uprising. If our Government made unjust demands through mistake upon a nation prostrate and powerless, there should be no question about righting the wrong by restoring the surplus. This would be the true ethics in the case of an individual, why not of a nation? The embarrassing feature arises from the fact that a return of the money may serve as a reflection upon the other nations participating in the holdup, some of whom took even larger amounts, and, who show no indication that they made any mistake in their figures, and all of whom made the expenses of their military expedition a large part of their claim. It would not be the first time the United States has performed such an act. In 1885 it returned \$300,000 to China, and only a few years ago returned to Canada almost \$15,000,000 remaining from an indemnity she had paid because of damages to American fishing interests. If injustice has been done China we can afford to ratify it, even if some of the other governments do not like our policy.

## A Fifth Judge and New Judicial District.

Congress has passed a bill adding a fifth judge to the supreme court of Arizona and empowering the supreme court to redistrict the territory so as to assign the new appointee to one of the districts.

The rapid growth of population and industrial interests made a fifth judge an absolute necessity. This act of congress may dispense with the superior court bill now before the legislature as it will in a measure remove the necessity of this additional court.

The crowded condition of some of our court calendars will now be speedily reduced, as the labors of the courts will be curtailed to twenty percent by appropriating one fifth of the work to the new judge.

Rumor has it that Assistant United States Attorney Campbell will be the new appointee. Should this be so there will be a general approval of both the bar and the people, as Mr. Campbell stands well with the profession and the people at large.—Star.

## Compromise in Storm Case

A compromise has been effected between the bondsmen of James P. Storm, ex-county treasurer of Yavapai county, and the Board of Supervisors of that county, by which the county received \$10,000 for the \$15,386 which disappeared from the county treasury while Storm had charge of the money.

J. J. Hawkins appeared before the supervisors in behalf of the bondsmen and urged that the compromise be made. His reasons for this were that several of the bondsmen were unable to contribute to the amount necessary to replace the deficit and this made a great burden on those who could pay; furthermore, if the case was to be settled in the courts, it might be appealed and would drag on for an indefinite period of time during which the county would be deprived of the money. Already the \$10,000 has been paid to County Treasurer Ed. S. Wright and the bondsmen have been released. The suit filed in the district court has not been withdrawn and Storm will be sued for the full amount.—Phoenix Enterprise.

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